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INCLUSION OF GUJARAT IN FOOD SECURITY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to include some districts of the State under National Food Security Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard alongwith the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): Director of Agriculture, Government of Gujarat, in October 2007 forwarded a request for inclusion of six new districts i.e. Patan, Kheda, Anand, Bhavnagar, Junagarh and Amreli under National Food Security Mission-Wheat and six new districts i.e. Junagarh, Porbandar, Ahemdabad, Kheda, Anand and Surendranagar under NFSM- Pulses, in addition to those already covered under the Programmes. These districts could not be included as they did not fulfill the objective criteria. However, two districts of State i.e. Dahod and Panchmahals were included under National Food Security Mission- Rice (NFSM-Rice), as they fulfill the criteria of area more than 50,000 ha and yield less than State average.